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Selection Committee, Sargent Shriver Award
National Peace Corps Association
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Dear Committee Members:

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers of South Florida (RPCVSF) is honored to provide this letter of strong support for the nomination of **Renae Adam** and **Kristin Johnson** (RPCVs who served in Ghana in the 1990s) for the Sargent Shriver Award for Distinguished Humanitarian Service, in recognition of their founding of the Global Mamas fair trade organization.

Our RPCV group first learned of Global Mamas in 2008, when we started to carry items from Global Mamas in the inventory of our Fair Trade Market (our portable “market” which travels to events and promotes the principles of fair trade). Over the years we have watched our Market’s customers increase their understanding of and connection to the Ghanaian producers of these fair trade items, all because of Global Mamas’ skillful method of bringing attractive items to market with a meaningful message that reaches the consumer. Renae and Kristin are excellent examples of RPCVs for whom the Third Goal is a part of their daily lives, and we believe that these gracious social entrepreneurs are ideal candidates for the Shriver Award.

Global Mamas has not only built a successful and accredited fair trade enterprise that has significantly improved the lives of Ghanaian women – their partners from the very beginning – but they also continue to work alongside their Ghanaian co-founders to build a significantly better future for the people of Ghana while allowing all of us in far-flung locations to learn from this important work. For example, Global Mamas is building a Fair Trade Zone to revive the Ghanaian textile industry; the Fair Trade Zone will be built with sustainable building materials and will have an onsite daycare center, comfortable work space, and volunteer housing. Like all of Global Mamas’ work, the building will have an educational component, offering interactive tours and serving as a model for development in other nations – including our own.

We believe that Renae and Kristin are perfect candidates for the Shriver Award as they are supporting Ghanaians in their effort to be economically self-sufficient, and also because they engage the world in this important work. For example, Global Mamas has hosted hundreds of volunteers from 24 countries, and has thousands of customers of their beautiful products. The evidence is clear, and found in homes right here in South Florida: Renae and Kristin have built an innovative and enduring testament to the legacy

of our Peace Corps service: person-to-person relationship-building in order to promote human development and achieve world peace.

We are humbled by the work of these two very special RPCVs, we are blessed to be a small partner in their wonderful Third Goal enterprise as we promote their quality products to South Florida consumers, and we strongly urge you to recognize them as this year's Shriver Award honorees.

Sincerely,

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